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SUBJECT: SOVIET PRESS ON SHIP INCIDENT NEAR CAMBODIA

1. AS ITS MAJOR INTERNATIONAL NEWS ITEM ON MAY 15, PRAVDA
FEATURES STORIES ABOUT THE U.S. SHIP BEING HELD NEAR CAMBODIA,
BUT SOVIET MEDIA HAVE NOT YET REPORTED THE SUCCESSFUL OPERATION
TO FREE THE SHIP. UNDER THE HEADLINE "INCIDENT NEAR THE COAST
OF CAMBODIA," PRAVDA REPORTS THE FIRING ON THE ONE U.S.
PLANE, THE MEETING OF THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL, THEN THE
U.S. FOLLOW-UP AGAINST SEVERAL CAMBODIAN BOATS. THE ARTICLE
REPORTS THE THAI GOVERNMENT PROTEST AGAINST THE ARRIVAL OF
1,100 U.S. MARINES AND ALSO REPORTS CHINESE VICE PREMIER
TENG HSIAO-PING'S ALLEGED ANSWER TO A PRESS QUESTION IN PARIS

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THAT PEKING COULD NOT DO ANYTHING IF THE U.S. INTERVENED

MILITARILY IN CAMBODIA.

2. IN AN EARLIER ITEM WHICH DID NOT REPORT THE EXCHANGE OF FIRE, IZVESTIYA (MAY 14) NOTED THE THAI AND CHINESE COMMENTS, BUT ADDED SECRETARY KISSINGER'S REMARKS THAT THE U.S. WAS SEEKING TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM BY DIPLOMATIC MEANS.

3. THE SOVIETS HAVE NOT COMMENTED ON THESE DEVELOPMENTS AND THE REPORTING THUS FAR HAS BEEN FAIRLY STRAIGHT.
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